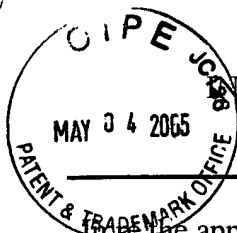


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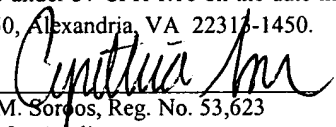
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004. A request for an appropriate extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.